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Norton's Drug Store  
Ellicott City  
Private

circa 1886

On September 24, 1886 Edward A. Talbott et al and later Elizabeth Hunt granted land to the Patapsco National Bank, who constructed the present Romanesque style building.

The brick facade facing south is accented by stone sills, wooden cornices, brick lintels and decorative brick features. A large rectangular recess holds the three Roman arched third floor windows along with a brick lintel insert supported by fifteen corbeled brick brackets. Three stone steps lead to a central rectangular doorway which is placed on the west side of a wide roman arch which takes up the central and east bay of the first and second floor.

A rectangular entrance in the west bay surmounted by a bull's eye with nine lights, has been replaced by the display windows which flank the central entrance. A wooden cornice along the roof line is surmounted by a central pediment.

Known as Norton's Drug Store in the early twentieth century, it is now used as a liquor store on the ground floor with office space above.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Ho-99

Dist 2

MA6I # 1400995611

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Norton's Drug Store

AND/OR COMMON

Rockhill Liquor Store or Margaret Smith Gallery

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8096 Main Street (now 8090 Main Street)

CITY TOWN

Ellicott City

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	1/2 <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Olin - Pairo, Inc.

c/o Pairo and Pairo Law

Offices

Telephone #: 461-1800

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8090 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tax Map 25-A p.15  
Hall of Records

Liber #: 580

Folio #: 344

Land Access: 3750

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Howard County Court House

Building Access: 11,900

Total Access: \$15,650

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD      ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR      ☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Norton's Drug Store is a three bay wide, two story high, shed roofed structure, located on the north side of Main Street between the Patapsco National Bank Building on the west and Pairo's law offices on the east.

The three tall second floor romanesque, double-hung, windows are inset into a large rectangular recess which is decorated by flat lintels decorated with fifteen sets of three corbeled header bricks which act as brackets. A wooden pediment lies above, outlined in heavy wooden molding. Beneath the three windows is a heavy wooden cornice.

A large roman arch takes up the central and east bays of the ground floor. Inset into the west side of this arch is the central rectangular entrance door with a large display window extending from its east and west sides. Three granite steps lead to the entrance. A flat roofed overhang serves as a roof for the east and west display windows and a covered entranceway for the central doorway. A brick wall acts as a foundation for the display cases, which were probably added by Mr. Norton for his drug store in 1909.

An alley way is located on the west side of the building.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Banking
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1886

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This fascinating Romanesque building has an interesting history. On September 24, 1886 Edward A. Talbott et al. granted "the said land comprising the whole of those two lots" to the Patapsco National Bank. (LJW 51-262) The building in its present Romanesque form was probably constructed at that time to house the bank which moved from what is now referred to as St. Paul's School, Ho-76. In 1905 it moved to the building which the First National Bank now occupies just west of this building. Later, in 1909 it sold this building to John J. Norton who had a drug store. (WWLC 85-315) See Attachment 2.

It was conveyed by John J. Norton on July 31, 1917 to Mr. Ben Mellor Jr. (HBN 104-118) who on June 2, 1941 sold the property to Milton J. Fitzsimmons (BM Jr. 170-347). This property passed to Carroll F. Fitzsimmons and the Mercantile Trust Company of Baltimore on March 3, 1949 (MWB #208-595) and then to Milton J. Fitzsimmons on May 22, 1959 (299-351).

Acquired by Alice Keech and Robert E. Fitzsimmons, it was sold to Olin-Pairo, Incorporated on December 15, 1971 (580-344) who presently own and rent the building to Rockhill Liquor Store on the ground floor and to a public accountants firm on the second floor. This second floor was at one time the board room for the Patapsco National Bank and Mr. Pairo has attempted to restore it to its original form. In the future he hopes also to restore the front facade which faces south. (See figure I).

Though its brick exterior is painted, its full arched, stretcher brick lintels can still be discerned.

Architecturally the building is representative of the Romanesque revival in American domestic architecture and is a particularly pleasing example, despite apparent alterations to the facade.

Located within the Patapsco Flood Plain, it has been included into the Critical Areas State Planning Program as well as the National Register for Historic Places under the Ellicott City Historic District.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Howard County, Maryland

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2273 sq. feet

Please see Attachment I, Tax Map 25-A, p. 15

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning for the first thereof at the northwest corner of Lot No. 14 on the plat of the lands of Thomas Wilson, recorded among the Land Records of Howard County in Liber L.J.W. No. 36, folio 483, etc., which point is, as corrected, south 65 degrees 15 minutes west 272.33 feet from the stone marked "w" (also on said plat), thence binding on the west side of said Lot No. 14 and on the lot immediately in front thereof south twelve

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Geographical Data  
Verbal Boundary Description

Ho-99  
Dist 2

degrees fifteen minutes east one hundred eighteen feet to a point on the north side of the Baltimore and Frederick Turnpike Road distant four hundred eleven and eighty-three one-hundredths feet westerly from the junction of the west side of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the north side of said Turnpike Road; thence binding on the north side of said Turnpike Road south seventy-seven degrees forty-five minutes west twenty-three and ninety-one one-hundredths feet; thence running parallel with the first line of the lot herein described north twelve degrees fifteen minutes west one hundred thirteen and seventy-one one hundredths feet; thence north sixty-five degrees fifteen minutes east twenty-four and forty-nine one hundredths feet to the place of beginning. Containing 2273 square feet of land, more or less.

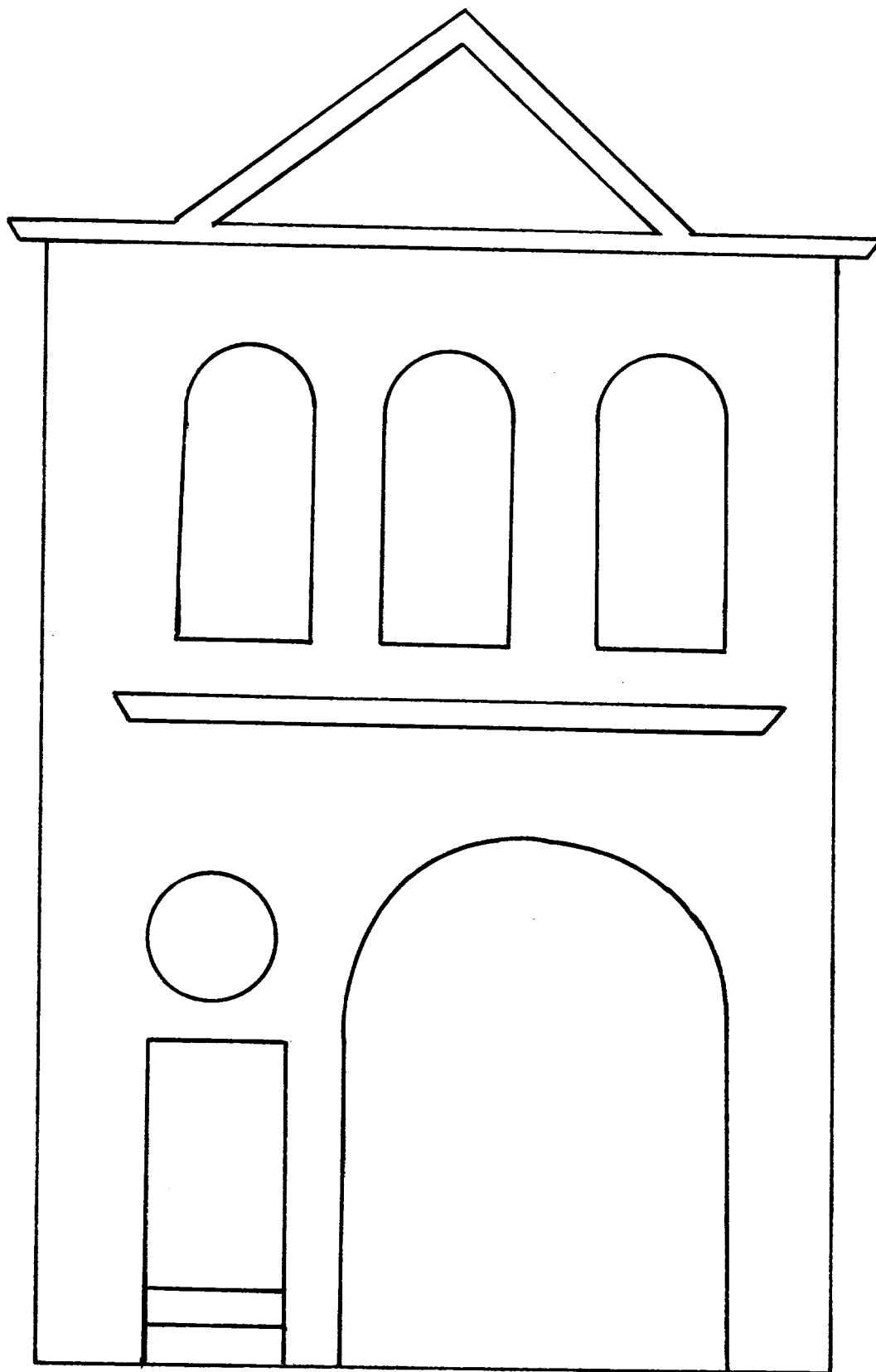


Figure I. Outline of the facade of the second building of the Patapsco National Bank, later known as Norton's Drug Store.

PROPERTY OF  
**John J. Norton**

ACQUIRED FROM  
**PATAPSCO NATIONAL BANK**  
OF  
Ellicott City Howard Co  
Maryland  
Area 22.73± sq. ft.

Attachment 2

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Norton's Drug Store  
Plat of Property of  
John J. Norton, 1909

"W" Stone

Scale 1" = 20'

*By Hunter Sykes*

N 65° 15' E 24.43'

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Norton's  
Drug  
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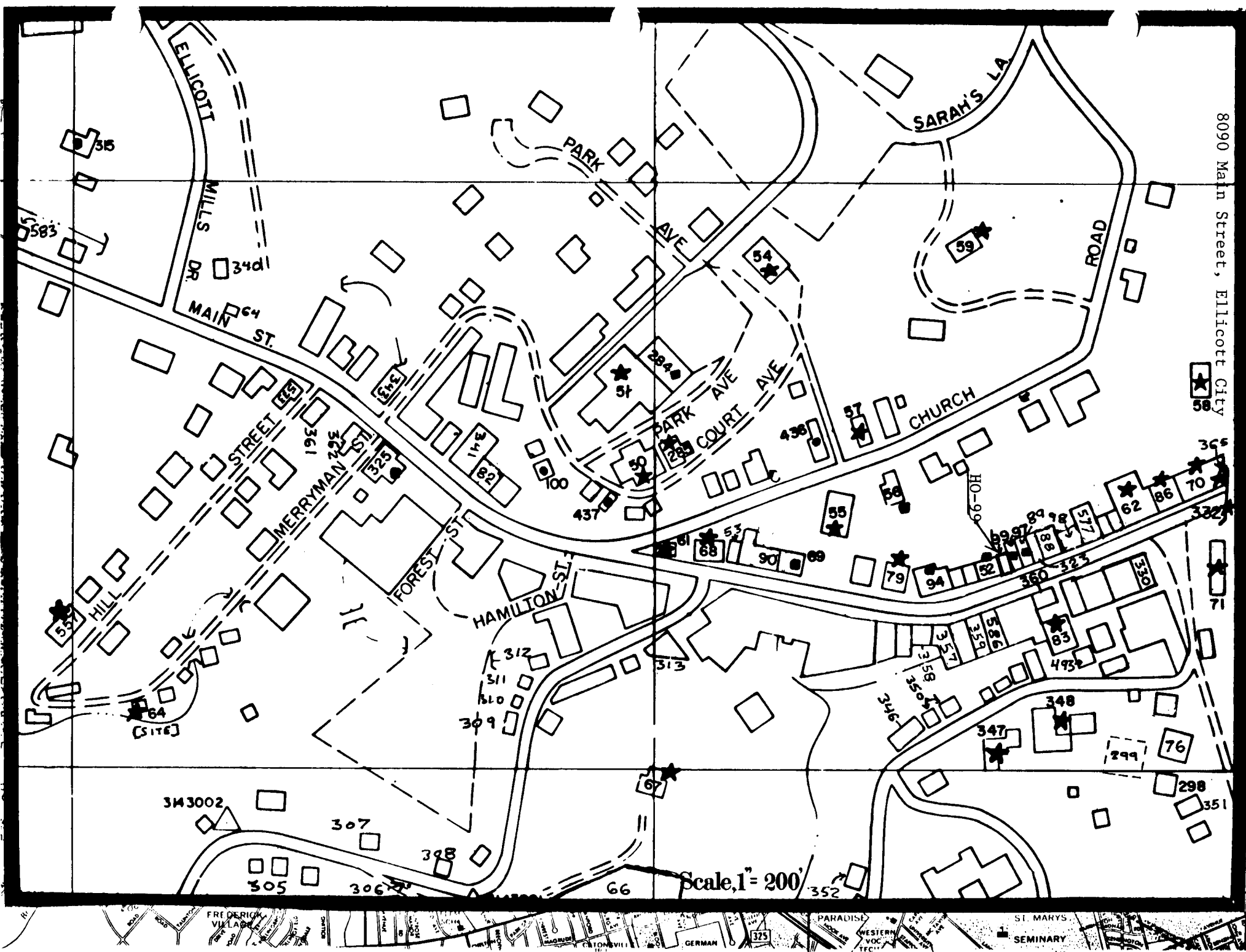
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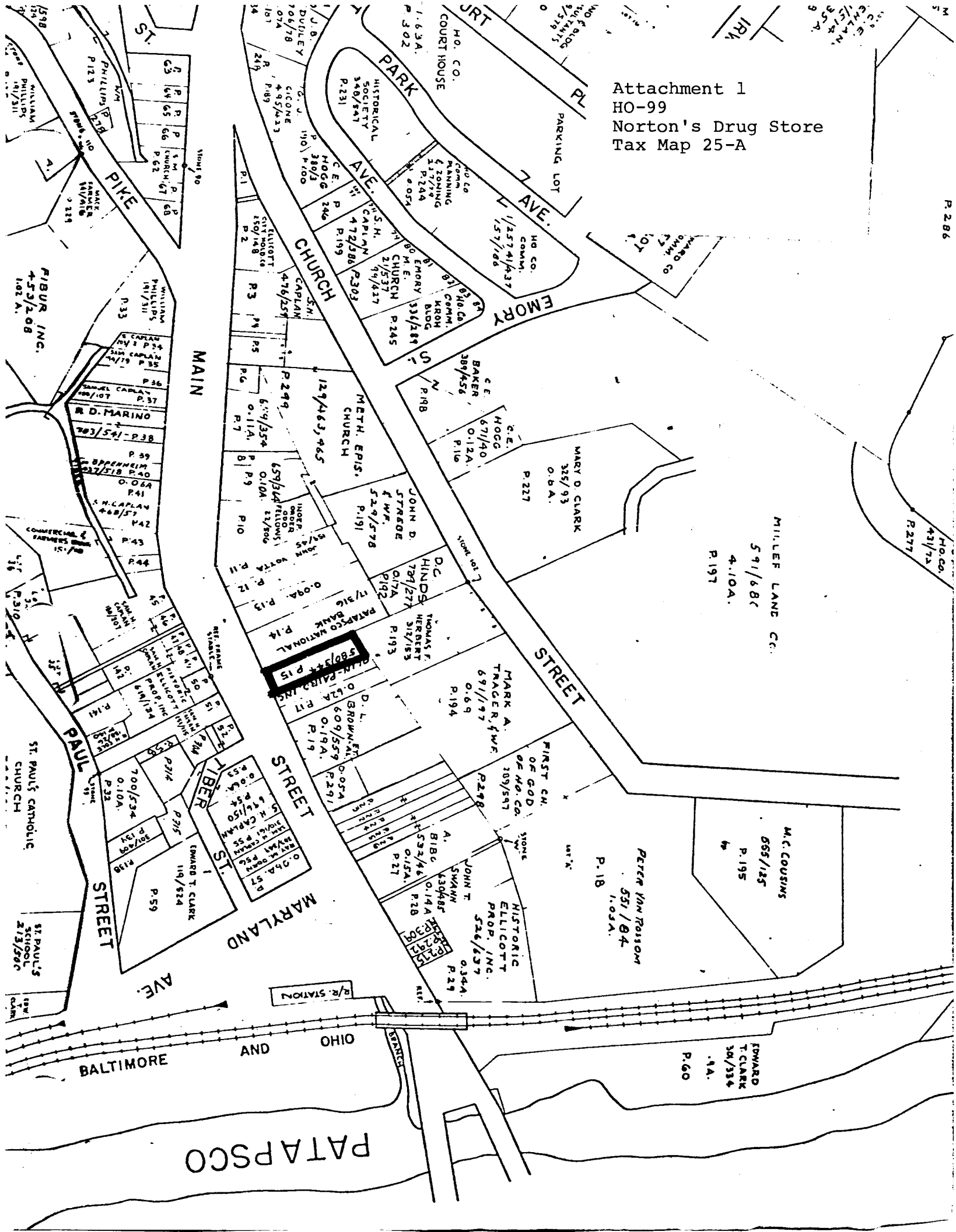
To Harper's  
B. & O. R.  
To Baltimore  
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8090 Main Street, Elllicott City



Attachment 1  
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Norton's Drug Store  
Tax Map 25-A



PATAPSCO

EDWARD T. CLARK  
304/334  
P.160

M.C. COUSINS  
555/125  
P.195

PETER VAN ROSSOM  
551/84  
P.18  
1.05A.

HISTORIC ELLICOTT PROP. INC.  
526/237  
P.29  
0.34A.

MARK A. TRAGER, F.W.F.  
691/97  
P.194  
0.69

D. L. BROWN, JR.  
609/559  
P.19  
0.19A.

580/334 P.15  
0.62A  
P.17

PATAPSCO NATIONAL BANK  
0.09A  
P.14

JOHN D. STRAUBE, F.W.F.  
529/578  
P.191

MARY D. CLARK  
325/93  
0.6A.  
P.227

EMORY CHURCH  
2/537  
P.245

EMORY CHURCH  
2/537  
P.245

HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
340/547  
P.231

COURT HOUSE  
1.63A.  
P.302

MAIN

PIKE

PAUL STREET

AVE.

MARYLAND

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

213/500

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Norton Drug Store

~~Olin - Pairo's Victorian shop~~

Allico H City

KS 8/77



CLEORA BARNES THOMPSON  
PLANNING CONSULTANT  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY

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~~NORTON'S BRUG~~  
~~STRE~~  
AUG. 1977